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1. LABOUR PARTY CAUCUS MEETING SEPTEMBER 6 CONFIRMED
CABINET STATUS OF ALL INCUMBENT MINISTERS AND ELECTED ONE
NEW MINISTER, RONALD L. BAILEY. FOLLOWING LABOUR CUSTOM,
PRIME MINISTER ROWLING TODAY ALLOCATED PORTFOLIOS AS
FOLLOWS:

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WALLACE E. "BILL" ROWLING - PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER

OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF SECURITY
INTELLIGENCE, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF AUDIT DEPARTMENT,
MINISTER IN CHARGE OF LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

ROBERT J. TIZARD-DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER
OF FINANCE.

MICHAEL A. CONNOLLY-MINISTER OF POLICE, MINISTER OF CUSTOMS.
MATIUE RATA-MINISTER OF MAORI AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF LANDS.
MARTYN FINLAY-ATTORNEY GENERAL, MINISTER OF
JUSTICE, MINISTER OF TOURISM AND PUBLICITY, MINISTER OF
CIVIL AVIATION.

WARREN W. FREER-MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY,
MINISTER OF ENERGY RESOURCES.

MRS. WHETU TIRIKATENE-SULLIVAN-MINISTER OF ENVIORNMENT.

HUGH WATT-MINISTER OF WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT.

SIR BASIL ARTHUR-MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, MINISTER
IN CHARGE OF STATE INSURANCE OFFICE.

HENRY L. MAY-MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

NORMAN J. KING-MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE,
MINISTER IN CHARGE OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

WILLIAM A. FRASER-MINISTER OF DEFENSE, MINISTER
IN CHARGE OF WAR PENSIONS AND REHABILITATION.

COLIN J. MOYLE-MINSTER OF AGRICULTURE AND
FISHERIES, MINISTER OF SCIENCE.

JOSPEH J. WALDING-MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TRADE, ASSOCIATE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ARTHUR J. FAULKNER-MINISTER OF LABOR, MINISTER OF
STATE SERVICES.

THOMAS M. MCGUIGAN, MINISTER OF HEALTH, MINISTER OF CIVIL
DEFENSE.

ROGER O. DOUGLAS-MINISTER OF HOUSING, MINISTER OF
BROADCASTING, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF STATE ADVANCES.

PHILIP A. AMOS-MINISTER OF EDUCATION, MINISTER OF ISLAND AFFAIRS.

FRASER M. COLMAN-POSTMASTER GENERAL, MINISTER OF
IMMIGRATION, MINISTER OF MINES.

RONALD L. BAILEY-MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF
ELECTRICITY.

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2. SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT POINTS ARISE FROM RESHUFFLING OF
PORTFOLIOS. FACT THAT ROWLING DECIDED TO TAKE OVER
FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN NO MAJOR CHANGES
FROM PREVIOUS POLICIES BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE
WILL BE DECREASED EMPHASISIN THIS AREA. GIVING FINANCE
JOB TO TIZARD IS INDICATIVE OF IMPORTANCE ROWLING PLACES
ON COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW
SEPTEMBER 9 ROWLING INDICATED ALL MINISTERS WOULD HAVE

TO BECOME MORE INTERESTED IN FINANCE AND ECONOMY.
TIAZRD WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE THIS A PART OF
DAY-TO-DAY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

3. ARTHUR FAULKNER WAS A GOOD MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND
SHOULD DO AS CREDITABLE A JOB AS POSSIBLE AS MINISTER
OF LABOR. HE IS ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE FEDERATION OF
LABOUR, BUT WILL HAVE HIS HANDS FULL (AS DOES ANY
MINISTER OF LABOUR) IN TRYING TO KEEP NEW ZEALAND'S
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ON AN EVEN KEEL. WILLIAM FRASER'S
DROPPING OF HOUSING PORTFOLIO IN FAVOR OF DEFENSE IS
PROBABLY A DEMOTION IN VIEW OF REALTIVELY SMALL SIZE OF
DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT IN NEW ZEALAND. CONVERSELY, PICKING UP
OF HOUSING BY ROGER DUGLAS HAS GOT TO BE CONSIDERED A PROMOTION.
DOUGLAS, AT 36, IS THE YOUNGEST MINISTER IN CABINET.
DROPPING OF ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO BY JOE WALDING WILL ALLOW
HIM TO CONCENTRATE ON FOREIGN TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. GIVEN
ROWLING'S EMPHASIS ON THE ECONOMY HE WILL PROBABLY
BE GIVING WALDING CONSIDERABLY MORE AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITY
THAN DID KIRK. FURTHER COMMENTS ON REVISED CABINET WILL
BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.

4. RON BAILEY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND ELECTRICITY, IS 48
YEARS OLD. HE HAS BEEN IN PARLIAMENT FOR 14 YEARS AS MP
FOR WELLINGTON SUBURB OF HERETAUNGA. A CARPENTER BY
TRADE HE WAS ACTIVE IN TRADE UNIONS BEFORE GOING INTO PARLIAMENT.
PRIOR TO HIS ELEVATION TO CABINET HE HELD THE POWERFUL POST OF
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES. BAILEY IS NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO
EMBASSY PERSONNEL, BUT IS OBVIOUSLY AN ABLE AND ADEPT POLITICIAN.

EMBASSY IS WORKING ON A FULL BIOGRAPHIC REPORT ON BAILEY AND
UP-DATED REPORTS ON OTHER MEMBERS OF CABINET. REPORTS
WILL BE POUCHED ASAP.
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